

# Bring Your Family With You to Camp!



"Family Camp" - Owasisippe Camps on Big Blue Lake

*Announcing the*

## FAMILY CAMPS

*of the*

## OWASIPPE SCOUT CAMPS

*Chicago Council Boy Scouts of America*

Devoted exclusively to giving an enjoyable vacation to the wives and families of Chicago Scout leaders while the leaders are in the nearby boys' camps.

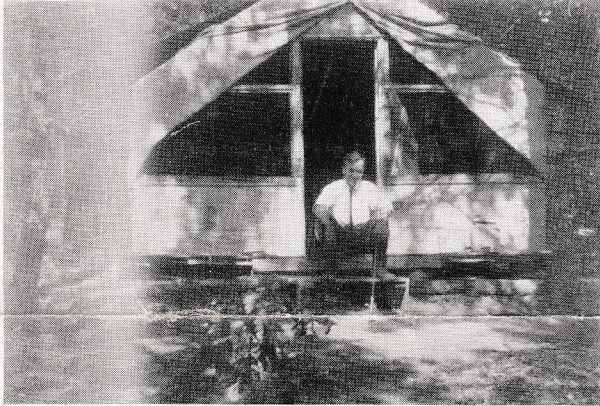


# THE CAMPS

Located in Michigan, near Whitehall  
200 Miles from Chicago's busy, hot streets.

## ON CRYSTAL LAKE

*Accommodations — Thirty Persons*



A Cozy Crystal Lake Tent Shack

## ON BIG BLUE LAKE

*Accommodations — Forty Persons*



The Life Guard and Some of the Swimmers

## THE LOCATION

Located between Camps McDonald and Dan Beard, and not far from Camp West is the Crystal Lake Family Camp.

The camp is located just far enough from the camps to give privacy to it and so as not to interfere with the program of the boys' camps.

Located directly across the lake from Camps Blackhawk and Checaugau, it is ideally situated and allows freedom of program both for the families and the boys' camps.

## THE ACCOMMODATIONS

Around a central mess hall that overlooks charming Crystal Lake, are the tent shacks. Each family is allotted for its own private use one or more tent shacks which are equipped with double beds, mattresses and pillows, wash stands, mirrors, basins and lanterns. The shacks are screened thoroughly, have board floor and walls, and are dry and comfortable.

It is truly a camp, yet has all the conveniences needed for thorough enjoyment and health.

The chemical toilets are conveniently located and are the best used in the camping field.

Hot water is available, and for 1930 shower baths have been installed. There are facilities for clothes washing.

The recreation tent is the scene of many pleasant hours spent in quieter activities.

The outlook from the porch of the family camp is delightful, and for hours one may sit in a comfortable rocker or a porch swing and absorb its beauty. Inside the club building is a large recreation room fitted out attractively with piano, chairs, etc., and serves as the center of the indoor recreation. The fireplace greets the eye as the focal center.

The side-screened porch makes a most attractive dining room.

Upstairs are the separate rooms for families, each outfitted with a double bed with mattress and pillows, washstand, basins, pitchers, mirrors, etc., and from the rooms, attractive views of the lake can be obtained.

Hot water is right at hand, and the shower baths are available all day long.

There are facilities for washing clothes.

There are toilet rooms within the building.

## THE FOOD

Nothing is spared to give substantial well planned meals in generous quantities. The services of Mrs. Conrad, who is a cook at one of the fraternity houses at the University of Illinois have been secured for 1930, and she is going to do everything to live up to Mrs. Bruce's record for attractive meals. With the help of a waitress she will take care of the preparation and serving of the meals and the cleaning up.

Mrs. Lucy Miller has for a number of years with the assistance of Miss Rowena Miller taken care of appeasing the appetites of the campers. Nothing better can be recommended after a hike or a swim than to sit down at her hospitable table.

Again the service and the clean-up is taken care of.





The Center of Evening Activities — Blue Lake

## FOOD FOR THE CHILDREN

In 1930 more attention will be given to planning special dishes for young children so that they can be given an alternative menu where the regular menu for grown-ups does not exactly meet the diet needs of the youngsters.

## THE DAY'S FUN

As the family camps attract people of varying ages, tastes and desires, the program must essentially be varied and adaptable to suit the needs.

Basically it is informal, and participation is purely optional although things are usually so attractive that all want to enter into them.

If you want to see the beauties of the sunrise over the lakes you may do so, and then listen to and observe the many bird friends that frequent the camp country. But if you are one of those who likes to get the most out of the morning's sleep, you'll get up just in time not to be late to the punctual 8:00 o'clock breakfast.

After breakfast you'll want to tidy up your room, and then be all set for the morning's activities.

## SOMETHING FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Mother may just want to sit on the porch and talk to her new friends or wives of other Scout leaders whom she has known through previous contacts. It makes little difference as one soon gets acquainted in the friendly atmosphere of the family camps. Or maybe she'll want to occupy her time with some leathercraft which is taught in camp.

Sis, on the other hand, wants to go on the hike around the lake, or to collect flowers with the group. Mother may go along. Sometimes the hikes are short jaunts to places of interest, and sometimes they are longer ones. It all depends on who wants to go and what they want to do.

If the kid brother, who's too young to be a Scout, is along, he'll want to go fishing or boating under supervision. Boats are allotted to the camps and their use is under the supervision of the water safety men. If Granddad's along, he'll probably want a boat to fish quite often.

## SAFE SWIMMING

But everyone's back and ready for swimming time. Again it's under the leadership of the swimming men who teach those who can't swim how to do so, if they wish. There's a swim morning and afternoon, and it's of a generous length. Those who can dive can do so from the diving boards or floats and those who can't swim so well do so in the shallower parts of the swimming area.

## A BUSY AFTERNOON

The afternoon is filled with craftsmanship, or trips or card parties. Sometimes the trips to town or along Lake Michigan for those who brought cars and for those whom they take as their guests.

Or maybe there's a picnic for the afternoon, or boating, and then finally a swim.

Or maybe you prefer to take a nap.

Reading plays a large part in the program of many and a branch of the Chicago Library is right in camp to offer good fiction books. And there are letters to write to tell of the good time.

## TRIPS TO THE SCOUT CAMPS

Some days there are trips to the Scout camps. Thursdays and Sundays are regular days, and by arrangement leaders' families may eat at the Scout camps for certain meals on those days, and be right there to see the camps and the boys. On certain other days there are special events to which the family camps are invited, such as a camp circus, a special campfire, etc.

## THE EVENING'S FUN

But the evening is the jolliest time of all. For then there are shows run by those camping, or beach parties down alongside the lake with campfires—with songs, stories and sometimes refreshments. Then there are long afternoon and evening rides over to the shores of Lake Michigan for a swim, a barbecue supper, glorious sunset, a campfire with the men from the camps along.

## HEALTH

The services of the camp physicians are quickly available for minor treatments or emergency. Water and general health conditions are examined by the State of Michigan and Chicago Department of Health.

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

The family campers are welcome to the several religious services held at the camp, including mass for Catholics, Jewish services, Christian Science and Protestant, or can go to the local community churches.

## THE HOSTESSES

It is a matter of great satisfaction that the very excellent hostesses of 1929 will again be at the camps to see that everyone is happy and comfortable.

Mrs. Greta Eby will be in charge at the Crystal Lake Family Camp.

Miss Florence Becker will be at the Blue Lake Family Camp as hostess.



A Beach Barbecue Picnic—Crystal Lake



## THE MAN OF THE FAMILY

For Dad (or brother or whoever he is) is giving service over at the camps and lives with the Scouts over whom he is the responsible Scout Leader.

Those Scout leaders who come to camp with their boys are rendering a most valuable service to the development of character in their Scouts as well as giving them an enjoyable, healthful outing from which they will profit mentally and physically.

The men of tomorrow will have occasion to look back with pleasure to their experience in the Scout camps and with gratitude to the men who made it possible.

## HIS CONTACT WITH THE FAMILY CAMPS

The Scout leader (Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, Troop Committeeman, or even a Scout's father if he is in charge of the troop in camp), lives with the boys at the Scout camps. But during almost every day with the co-operation of the camp officials he should arrange to spend a part of the day with his family at the family camps and bring them over to the Scout camps as occasion permits. Occasionally if his troop is under proper temporary leadership, by arrangement he may stay overnight in the family camp. And he'll certainly attend the special affairs of the family camp.

Then too, each leader is allowed two meals a week at the family camp (by arrangement) without charge, and the family can likewise be taken care of at the local camp by arrangement without charge on visiting days.

## WHO MAY ATTEND THE FAMILY CAMPS?

Only the members of the immediate household of any Scout leader (Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop Committeeman, or other satisfactory adult) at the time that he is giving service at the Scout camps.

The camps are also available to the families of members of the Staffs of the local camps.

Because of the limited facilities and the fact that the charge made is far under the actual cost of providing the facilities, it is impossible to accept other registrations.

In cases of question, as to the eligibility of any person, the matter should be referred to the Activities Department of the Chicago Council.

## HOW TO REGISTER

Fill out an application form. If you do not have one write, phone, or call for one. Send it with one dollar per person per period to the Activities Department, Boy Scouts of America, 37 South Wabash Ave., Chicago.

Do this as soon as you make up your mind to go to be sure you will have a place reserved. Reservation fee is not returnable.

It is requested that you make reservation before coming to camp and pay balance of fee and transportation at least three days in advance of the beginning of the period.

Otherwise we may not be able to accommodate you, although every effort will be made to do so.

Part periods will be arranged whenever feasible.

## THE RATES

### BOARD

Board.....	\$10.00 per week
Children three to eight years, inclusive.....	half price
Children under three years.....	no charge

### TRANSPORTATION

The family may furnish own transportation or use the special coach on the special Scout train leaving Grand Central Station, Harrison and Wells Streets, via Pere Marquette, at 9:15 A. M. Daylight Savings time on the Mondays beginning each period.

The charge for transportation will be \$4.00, including special transportation by bus between the family camp and the railroad. Children's charge will be same except when the railroad requires no ticket for children 5 years of age or under.

## PERIODS

1st Period.....	July 7th to July 19th
2nd Period.....	July 21st to August 2nd
3rd Period.....	August 2nd to August 16th
4th Period.....	August 18th to August 30th

## PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

So that there is no possibility of any contagious disease coming into the camp and that no one in the camps participate in any activity not in keeping with their physical abilities, it will this year be required that each person attending the family camp have a doctor's health certificate.

Each family to supply own wool blankets (3 to a person), sheets and pillow cases. Informal dress at all times. Camp clothes such as knickers and sweaters and other hiking clothes are of course most appropriate.

## COMMENTS FROM 1929 CAMPERS

"I enjoyed most the unusual setting in which camp is located and the opportunities afforded for all outdoor activities."

"The food and arrangements are most delightful."

"Enjoyed our wonderful hikes through that beautiful ravine and Indian trail and that wonderful old Big Blue Lake. One cannot describe it. Must be seen to enjoy it."

"The rest and good food and supervised hikes to interesting spots. Exceptionally good cook and kitchen was immaculate."

"Enjoyed the swimming, the companionship, the food, and in fact everything including the visits to the Scout campfires."

"The hospitality and friendliness of the guests as well as those in charge, good meals and comfortable accommodations."

"I found it a wonderful place for people of all ages to spend a vacation."

"I also enjoyed the boating, hiking and the picnics and entertainments arranged for the guests."

"The swimming director was capable and dependable, especially in caring for the children in the water during the swimming hours. The meals were excellently cooked and the menus well balanced."

"The programs were often impromptu, everyone taking part, and making it much more enjoyable than any fixed program."

"Tent facilities with private quarters, intelligent management, pleasant atmosphere—perfect Crystal Lake."

"It's privacy."

"The friendly attitude, like one big family. The opportunity to get acquainted with other 'Scout families.' In particular, the campfires at the Scout camp and the open air Sunday service."

"I enjoyed the pleasant companionship, the hiking, the freedom from care, but especially the swimming in beautiful Blue Lake."

"Just to be able to relax and rest with a daily swim and an occasional hike."

"Enjoyed the lake at sunrise, the bugle calls across the lake, my visits to the Scout camps—their hospitality—the genuineness of everyone—officers and Scouts—their friendly spirit—my walks around the lake—the boat rides—I like the informality, go where and when you like, do as you please—only be prompt at meals. I really enjoyed my stay at the camp more than any vacation I ever had. I anticipate coming back."

## FINALLY

Many repetitions have been deleted from the above comments, but we feel sure they are adequate to prove to Scout leaders' families the possibility of an enjoyable vacation, with the Scout leader while he is serving the boys at the nearby Scout camps.